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Environment Canada confirmed Wednesday this winter has been the coldest Winnipeg has seen since 1978-79 and is the third coldest we've seen in more than 100 years. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

# The last time it was this cold, disco was hot

## Frozen in history.

Report says this winter is shaping up to be the third most bone-chilling in more than 100 years



**SHANE GIBSON**

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If you're under 35 and are sure this is the wickedest winter you've ever seen, Environment Canada confirmed Wednesday you're right — we haven't seen a colder one since installing shag carpeting wasn't ironic.

The national weather service considers the winter months to be December, January and February, and it reports the mean temperature over those three months in

## The olden d-d-d-days

The coldest December, January and February ever recorded in Winnipeg was in 1873-74 when the average temperature was -23 C.

Winnipeg has been -20.1 C, the coldest since 1978-79 and the third coldest winter we've seen in more than 100 years.

"There (were) a number of very cold winters back in the 1870s and 1880s ... but once we got into the 20th century there were very few," Environment Canada meteorologist Dale Marciski told Metro. "So in a historical context, (this winter) has been pretty significant."

Matters are made worse by the sheer number of ridiculously cold days we've had

— we've seen 72 days where the wind chill has been -30 or below (compared to our average of just 40) and 29 days where the wind chill has made it feel like -40 or below (we average just 12 of those stinkers normally).

And, of course, it's hard to forget Jan. 5 when the wind-chill made it feel like -51.

"The weather pattern this year is very persistent," said Marciski, explaining a combination of Arctic air blowing in from the north and the dreaded polar vortex are to blame. "It's just been continuous and there's been very few breaks."

Despite Environment Canada's forecast for much of the same cold weather over the next week, Marciski did have some good news for Winnipeg.

"Winter will eventually have to move on," he said. "It always does."

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# Canada Post urged to delay plan for community mailboxes

## Mature neighbourhoods.

Coun. Ross Eadie raises snow, accessibility concerns



**BERNICE PONTANILLA**

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Winnipeg's city council has asked Canada Post to delay community mailboxes in the north part of the city until more questions can be answered.

Coun. Ross Eadie put forward a motion during Wednesday's city council meeting that demands Canada Post suspend delivery changes "until a sustained, substantive consultation process with local governments and the public is completed and identified issues are addressed."

Eadie said he's worried about snow removal, litter, the boxes' accessibility for those with physical disabilities and how the boxes would fit into older areas.

"My issue with this is that Canada Post hasn't the foggiest idea how they're going to deal with mature

neighbourhoods," Eadie said during the meeting.

"In our mature neighbourhoods, we store snow on the boulevards.... We constantly have issues with trying to deal with plowing the sidewalks in a timely fashion."

Coun. Brian Mayes echoed those concerns, saying one resident called Canada Post to ask who was responsible for snow removal around the boxes. The resident said he was told the city was responsible, while city officials have said Canada Post is responsible.

In an interview with Metro last week, Canada Post's Winnipeg general manager Bill Davidson said Canada Post hires contractors to remove snow around mailboxes to make sure they're accessible to all.

Council passed the motion, with Couns. Jeff Browaty and Scott Fielding voting against.

Browaty said he enjoys going to his community mailbox, as it provides him the chance to greet his neighbours.



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Coun. Ross Eadie said Canada Post doesn't have "the foggiest idea" about where to put community mailboxes in mature neighbourhoods. **BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO**

## Mayor defends councillor in land negotiations

A city councillor's involvement in negotiations to purchase the land on which a fire hall was controversially built reopened an old wound during Wednesday's council meeting.

Coun. Justin Swandel said he was "in the middle of negotiating what I think would have been a fair deal" when

the city's admin made the recommendation for expropriation.

"Colleagues that have brought this forward are aware of that and yet still chose to do this because they believe this to be more transparent," he said, adding that when he looks at "the four fire stations, I believe we got value

for money."

City officials suggested starting expropriation proceedings on the land at 1780 Taylor Ave. after being unable to agree on a land value with the property's owner, Shindico Realty.

The city's report states the land is worth \$1,054,000, while Shindico says it's worth

\$1,232,200 and another \$844,220 in damages for the loss of value on land next door.

The Taylor property is part of the infamous land-swap deal, which led to a scathing audit of the fire halls file.

Several councillors expressed concern that Swandel was involved in the negotiations, asking who authorized

his participation.

Mayor Sam Katz said Swandel, like other councillors, can discuss "any terms (but) in the end, it has to be approved by city council."

The expropriation motion passed, with only Swandel asking to be recorded in opposition.

**BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO**

### 'New realities'

#### Rail safety motion passes

A motion calling on the federal government and Transport Canada to ensure that all rail safety rules "are reviewed and modernized to reflect the new realities in rail transport" received council's backing.

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### Bus program

#### (Nearly) all aboard the U-pass

City council has given the long-awaited university bus pass program, called U-pass, the green light.

In a 13-2 vote, council approved the program, which would see students at the universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg

pay \$260 for an eight-month U-pass starting in September of 2016 "or sooner if possible."

Rorie McLeod Arnould, vice-president of the University of Winnipeg Students' Association, said he was pleased with the "solidarity and support" shown.

The nay votes came from Couns. Scott Fielding and Jeff Browaty.

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### Animal care act

#### Manitoba couple sentenced for animal abuse

A man who crowded 64 dogs into a filthy building on a rural property has been sentenced to jail in one of the worst cases of animal abuse in Manitoba.

Peter Chernecki, who is 63, has been sentenced to

four months in prison after pleading guilty to charges under the province's Animal Care Act.

His wife, Judith, who is 62, has been fined more than \$21,500.

More than half of the dogs had to be destroyed after they were seized in 2010.

The couple has also been banned from owning animals for five years and have two weeks to get rid of 40 of their 42 cats. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/CJOB**



Teen targeted

## Cops warn of stranger offering candy in North End

Police are asking for the public's help in identifying a man who they say tried to

use candy to entice a teenage boy into his car Monday night.

The 13-year-old was walking near Charles Street and Redwood Avenue around 7:30 p.m. when a man in a small, black two-door older-model car pulled up and asked if he wanted a ride

and some candy, police said. The teen refused and told his parents.

The man is white, in his 50s with short, white, curly hair and was wearing a dark jacket at the time.

Anyone with information should call police at 204-986-2848. **METRO**

Stolen vehicle

## Car chase ends in crash, flight, arrest

The man behind the wheel of a car stolen in Regina last weekend is now behind bars in Winnipeg after a chase with police led to a high-

speed crash on Tuesday.

Winnipeg police tried to pull over a Toyota Corolla reported stolen in Regina on Saturday after it was seen driving erratically near Mountain Avenue and Salter Street around 1:20 a.m.

Police said the driver sped away, eventually crash-

ing into a taxicab near the Arlington Bridge.

No one was injured in the crash, and the driver fled the scene on foot.

Police dogs were called in and tracked the suspect to a home on Alfred Avenue.

Skyler Alexson, 20, faces a number of charges. **METRO**

# Will the turfed NDP member keep benefits?

## Christine Melnick.

Politician kicked from cabinet after alleging she was set up for a fall



Christine Melnick THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Manitoba politician who was booted from the government caucus and now sits as an Independent is waiting to hear whether she'll get office space in the legislature and be allotted time to question her former colleagues.

Christine Melnick is also waiting for word on whether she will be able to sit on committees and have other privileges she used to enjoy.

The spring legislature sitting starts March 6 with the introduction of the provincial budget.

"All of this is under discussion. There haven't been any final decisions made yet," Melnick said Tuesday.

Melnick, who spent a decade in the NDP cabinet, was removed from caucus by Premier Greg Selinger earlier this month after contradicting him about who was behind a controversial immigration event.

Melnick initially denied

ordering civil servants to invite government-funded immigrant service agency workers to watch a legislature debate in April 2012, even if it meant taking the afternoon off work.

Two months ago, the provincial ombudsman revealed Melnick was indeed behind the plan. Selinger said he and his staff were not involved.

Melnick broke ranks earlier this month and said Selinger's staff were involved from the start and had told her she would have to take the blame to protect the premier. She was turfed from caucus the following day.

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## Massive blanket a symbol supporting the bullied

Krystal Kane, chair of the Brandon University Anti-Bullying Society, helped build a 32-by-42-foot pink blanket with her group to bring the problem of bullying in schools to the Legislative Building for Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday. The blanket, in the background, is big enough to wrap around a school bus. **SHANE GIBSON/METRO**



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## Justin Bieber exchanges swagger for stagger in latest video

In this Jan. 23, 2014, video frame grab released by the Miami Beach Police Department, singer Justin Bieber, centre, is shown walking unsteadily during a sobriety test at a police station in Miami Beach, Fla. The Miami-Dade county prosecutors released about 10 hours of video Wednesday. Bieber pleaded not guilty to driving under the influence, resisting arrest and driving with an invalid licence. MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPT./THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Omar Khadr a minimal threat, says ombudsman

**Classification.** Prison authorities urged to take into account evidence that Canadian former Guantanamo detainee has no more terrorist ties

Canadian correctional authorities have unfairly classified former Guantanamo detainee Omar Khadr even though they lowered his risk rating from maximum to medium security, the federal prisons ombudsman complains.

## Quoted

**"This is a government that has no compassion even for the most vulnerable in our society. It is spiteful and wishes to run out the clock on Omar by keeping him in prison for as long as they can."**

Dennis Edney, one of Khadr's Canadian lawyers, who called it "disgraceful" that authorities have ignored the federal prisons ombudsman's repeated recommendations.

In a letter obtained by The Canadian Press, the Office of the Correctional Investigator urges prison authorities to take into account evidence that Khadr poses minimal threat and should be classified as such.

"(Correctional Service of

Canada) officials also note that there is no evidence Mr. Khadr has maintained an association with any terrorist organization," the letter to CSC's senior deputy commissioner states.

The letter this month by Ivan Zinger, executive director

of the independent Office of the Correctional Investigator, is the office's third such complaint since Khadr returned to Canada in 2012 to serve out the rest of an eight-year sentence for war crimes.

Corrections recently reclassified Khadr, 27, and transferred him from the maximum-security Edmonton Institution to the medium-security Bowden Institution in Innisfail, Alta.

But the ombudsman argues that doesn't go far enough, given that Khadr pleaded guilty in October 2010 to crimes he committed in Afghanistan as a 15-year-old. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Arizona

## Governor vetoes anti-gay bill

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer has vetoed a bill that set off a national debate over gay rights, religion and discrimination.

She announced the veto Wednesday after holding private meetings with opponents and proponents.

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## Rob Ford cuts a wide swath through meeting of mayors

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford blew into Ottawa Wednesday with his trademark bull-in-a-china-shop style, wowing crowds, scrumming with reporters and knocking a scheduled meeting of the Big City Mayors' Caucus off its moorings.

"I got along well with all the mayors, I didn't think I

was a distraction," Ford told his second scrum of the morning at the first Federation of Canadian Municipalities meeting he has ever attended.

Ford said he told the other mayors to back a federal party.

"So I said ... in the next federal election, take a stand.

Either you're going to support (Tom) Mulcair and the NDP or you're going to vote (Justin) Trudeau and the Liberals or you're going to vote for the new leader of the Bloc," Ford told reporters. "But don't sit there and complain if you're not going to take a stand."

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# Ukraine's protest leaders pick top lawmaker for PM

**Coffers to fill.** The new leader will be walking into a country rife with financial problems

Leaders of Ukraine's protest movement on Wednesday proposed a top legislator as the country's next prime minister, while Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered major military exercises just across the border in a show of force and apparent displeasure over the country's new direction.

The new government, which is expected to be formally approved by parlia-

ment Thursday, will face the hugely complicated task of restoring stability in a country that is deeply divided politically and on the verge of financial collapse. The country's pro-Russian president, Viktor Yanukovich, fled the capital over the weekend.

At Kyiv's Independence Square, the heart of the protest movement against Yanukovich, the interim leaders who seized control after he fled proposed Arseniy Yatsenyuk as the country's new prime minister.

Yatsenyuk, 39, is a millionaire former banker who served as economy minister, foreign minister and parliamentary speaker before

Yanukovich took office in 2010. Widely viewed as a technocratic reformer, he appears to enjoy the support of the U.S.

If confirmed, one of the first jobs for Yatsenyuk and other members of his new Cabinet will be seeking outside financial help from the European Union and the International Monetary Fund. Economists say Ukraine is close to financial collapse, with its currency under pressure and its treasury almost empty. The acting finance minister has said Ukraine will need \$35 billion in bail-out loans to get through the next two years.

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## Palestinians pray over recovered body

Palestinians pray during the funeral of Sami Bsharat, a Palestinian militant who was killed in operation by the Israeli army in 2003, in Tamoun village near Jenin city in the West Bank on Wednesday. Recently Israel has been returning the bodies of dead Palestinian militants to their families for burial.

NASSER ISHTAYEH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Man guilty of slaying soldier sentenced to life in prison

An al-Qaida-inspired extremist was sentenced to life without parole Wednesday for hacking a British soldier to death on a London street in front of horrified passersby.

Images of Michael Adebolajo, 29, holding a butcher knife and cleaver with bloodied hands in the moments after the May 22 killing of Lee Rigby shocked people around the world and sparked fears of Islamist terrorism in Britain.

The self-described "soldier

of Allah" was sentenced at Central Criminal Court along with his accomplice, 22-year-old Michael Adebowale, who received a minimum 45-year sentence.

The day ended in drama when both men were pinned to the ground and led out of the courtroom after scuffling with guards and shouting "Allah Akbar" — "God is great" — at the judge moments before their sentences were read out.

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Michael Adebolajo  
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Michael Adebowale  
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## Syria. Army troops kill dozens of rebels in deadly attack near Damascus

Syrian army troops on Wednesday killed 175 rebels, many of them al-Qaida-linked fighters, in an ambush described as one of the deadliest attacks by government forces against fighters near Damascus, according to state media.

An opposition group said the dawn ambush — part of a government effort to secure the capital — was carried out by the Lebanese Hezbollah group, which has been instrumental in helping President

Bashar Assad's regime push back rebels entrenched in the suburbs of the capital city.

Syrian state news agency SANA quoted a field commander in the eastern Ghouta area as saying most of the rebels killed in the assault belonged to the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front rebel group. The report said several of those killed were foreign fighters who came to Syria from Saudi Arabia, Chechnya and Qatar.

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## Pursuit. Confused Japanese tourists trigger police chase; ends well

The first night in the United States for a family of Japanese tourists ended with the parents being pulled from their rental car at gunpoint with their young son watching after their confusion about American traffic laws set off a high-speed pursuit in southern Utah.

The pursuit began at 1 a.m. Saturday on Interstate 15 near the Utah-Arizona border when the couple's car was spotted going just 37 mph and swerving between lanes, said

### From pursuit to help

Realizing they were dealing with language and cultural barriers, and not drunken fugitives, officers changed their strategy.

- They located a cop who spoke Japanese to help.

Lt. Brad Horne, Utah Highway Patrol's DUI unit commander.  
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### Resignation not valid?

## Journalist claims former Pope pressured to leave

Retired pope Benedict has denied speculation that he was pressured to leave office.

Benedict wrote to the La Stampa newspaper amid a

new round of speculation ahead of Friday's first anniversary of the resignation. Italian journalist Antonio Socci suggested in the daily *Liberio* that the resignation may have been invalid, claiming Benedict was pressured by cardinals. "Speculation about its invalidity is simply absurd," *La Stampa* quoted the Pope emeritus as writing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Vancouver j-school uses airborne drones for news



Ethan Baron teaches j-students Andrea Anthony and Jenny Peng. METRO

### Langara College.

One future support for news gathering is being tested in a Vancouver journalism school

Up in the sky, look! It's a bird, it's a plane, it's Superman! ...Wait, no, it's an air drone that could be the future of news gathering.

Langara College's journalism instructor Ethan Baron is pushing his students ahead of the game, teaching them to

### Phantom 2 Vision

"If you have one of these, then they can capture so much more footage."

Said Amy Jones, a Langara College journalism student

use a drone equipped with an HD-camera capable of being handled with a smartphone.

It's the kind of device that could boost the concrete facts and information journalists yearn for, and it has all sorts of practical applications, said Baron in Vancouver Wednesday. "You can have a fire, or a demonstration, or a riot, and that would allow you to see the scale of the event you're covering," he said. "Of course you would have reporters, photojournalists and video journalists on the ground covering whatever action is taking place, then you'd have an overview which is almost impossible to get at most news outlets these days because most can't afford what it takes to get that perspective."

"Think about something like the Vancouver riots when it was really dangerous for reporters and photographers to be out there," said Amy Jones.

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# Facelift for Renaissance frescoes

**Rome.** The World Monuments Fund Europe will allocate some \$1.2 million for the restoration of 16th century artwork

Some of the most splendid frescoes in one of Rome's most stunning Renaissance palazzi

are getting a much needed facelift.

The Carracci Gallery, a salon whose ceiling was frescoed with sensual nudes and playful cherubs to celebrate the wedding of a pope's niece, will be closed to tourists in the Farnese Palace until late spring 2015.

The palace is home to the French Embassy, which said Wednesday patronage of the World Monuments Fund Europe will help cover the 800,000

## Quoted

**"So many tourists knock on our door and say, 'Can we come in and look?'"**

Deputy Ambassador of France in Rome, Erkki Maillard

euro (\$1.2 million) restoration of the 400-year-old frescoes.

Besides cleaning the paintings, restoration beginning mid-March involves repairing

cracks and water infiltration damage.

With France facing European Union pressure to control public finances, Deputy Ambassador Erkki Maillard promised the restoration will be at zero cost to French taxpayers.

The palazzo's facade features details by Michelangelo. To admire the embassy's splendid interior tourists must make reservations for small weekly tours.

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Cracks mark the section of the frescoed ceilings depicting queen Cassiopeia and king Cepheus of Ethiopia in the Carracci Gallery of the Farnese Palace in Rome.

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## Naughty by nature

### Behaviourists say dogs lack shame

The next time you start shaking your finger and shouting "Shame on you!" because your dog chewed up your favourite fuzzy slippers, just remember that no matter how guilty your dog looks, it doesn't know what your rant is about.

Behaviourists insist dogs lack shame. The guilty look — head cowered, ears back, eyes droopy — is a reaction to the tantrum you are throwing now over the damage they did hours earlier. Scientific findings haven't put a dent in the popular-



Maymo the lemon beagle poses for a shame illustration.

JEREMY LAKASZCZYK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ity of online dog shaming sites like dogshaming.com and shameyourpet.com. In posted photos, dogs wear humorous written "confessions" and often are surrounded by the remnants of their misdeeds.

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## Chile. Toxins from algae likely poisoned whales millions of years ago



In this Aug. 24, 2010 file photo a prehistoric whale fossil lies in the Atacama desert near Copiapo, Chile. MUSEO PALEONTOLOGICO DE CALDERA, FILE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scientists investigating a graveyard of marine mammal fossils near Chile's northern coast say toxins generated by algae blooms most likely poisoned the animals millions of years ago.

The study by a team of Chilean and Smithsonian Institution scientists was published Wednesday in the journal Proceedings of the Royal Society B.

The experts travelled to Chile's Atacama region in 2011 to unearth one of the

world's best-preserved graveyards of prehistoric whales.

Other unusual creatures found at the "Whale Hill" site include an extinct aquatic sloth and a walrus-like toothed whale.

Scientists say the "orientation and condition" of the skeletons show that the animals "died at sea, prior to burial on a tidal flat."

The remains were first found by highway construction workers in 2010.

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## \$7M. A penny forgotten is a penny made for the feds

When it comes to balancing the country's books, it's the equivalent of finding loose change under a couch cushion.

But each penny surely counts for a Conservative government desperate to press every bit of cash into paying down the deficit.

Federal coffers got a \$7-million top-up over the

last eight years, all without a single tax being raised or any spending being cut.

So what's behind this modest windfall? Long-forgotten bank accounts.

If a bank balance goes untouched for 10 years and no one can find the account owner, the money is transferred to the Bank of Canada.

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## Big movement. Building home sweet (tiny) homes

While tiny houses have been attractive for those wanting to downsize or simplify their lives for financial or environmental reasons, there's another population benefiting from the small-dwelling movement: the homeless.

There's a growing effort across the nation from advocates and religious groups to build these compact buildings because they are cheaper than a traditional large-scale shelter, help the recipients socially because they are built in communal settings and are environ-



Betty Ybarra stands outside a tiny house she and her boyfriend live in, in Madison, Wis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

mentally friendly due to their size. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IMF debunks myth. Turns out it's good to tax the rich

A new paper by researchers at the International Monetary Fund appears to debunk a tenet of conservative economic ideology — that taxing the rich to give to the poor is bad for the economy.

The paper by a trio of IMF researchers will be applauded by politicians and economists who regard high levels of income inequality as not only a moral stain on society but

also economically unsound.

Labelled as the first study to incorporate recently compiled figures comparing pre- and post-tax data from a large number of countries, the authors say there is convincing evidence that lower inequality is good economics, boosting growth and leading to longer-lasting periods of expansion.

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### Market Minute

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### Expected more?

### Target Canada loses almost \$1B since March open

Canada's lukewarm reception last year to Target's first expansion outside the U.S. contributed to a nearly \$1 billion loss for the discount retailer. Target Corp. reported Wednesday its Canadian segment had a \$329 million US loss before interest and tax items in the fourth quarter ended Feb. 1. THE CANADIAN PRESS



## Heads bowed, hands out: A devastated Ukraine seeks bailout

A woman walks past a local bank set on fire in Kyiv's Independence Square, the epicentre of the country's current unrest in Ukraine Tuesday. Ukraine needs money, and fast — in weeks, not months. But bailing out the country of 46 million people will not be as easy as simply writing a big cheque. For one, Ukraine has already burned the main international financial rescuer, the International Monetary Fund, by failing to keep to the terms of earlier bailouts from 2008 and 2010. Now it needs help again, and its economic and financial problems are worse than before. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Scary tales from Alberta's oilsands

**Keystone.** U.S. senators trot out anecdotal stories in bid to get Obama to reject contentious pipeline

### Anti-Keystone XL senator

**"Health miseries follow tar sands from extraction, to transport, to refining, to waste disposal."**

Barbara Boxer, chair of the Senate environment committee

interest stories might influence the Obama administration as it prepares its final decision on the Keystone XL pipeline.

One of the speakers at the event was John O'Connor, an Alberta doctor.

He first went public in 2006 with concerns about what he considered to be elevated cancer rates around Fort Chipewyan, Alta.

Many of the 1,200 residents

believe their proximity to oilsands development and major forestry mills in Fort McMurray have led to contamination of water and wildlife and a higher rate of cancer and other illnesses.

The event organizer said she would send a letter to her longtime colleague in the Senate Democratic caucus, current Secretary of State John Kerry, asking him to consider human

health as he prepares a recommendation to U.S. President Barack Obama.

"I have shown you, or at least I have told you, how health miseries follow the tar sands," said Barbara Boxer, the chair of the Senate environment committee, at a news conference.

Boxer said the health aspect has been overlooked in the discussion and was disappointingly absent in the State Department's recent environmental report, which predicted no significant effect on carbon pollution whether or not the pipeline is built. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Women at a 2013 event for dietitians pass by a Coca-Cola sponsored booth in Houston. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

## No joke: Coke gives dietitians tips

Snack and soda makers that often are blamed for fueling America's obesity rates also play a role in educating the dietitians who advise Americans on healthy eating.

Companies such as Frito-Lay, Kellogg and Coca-Cola are essentially teaching the teachers. They're offering seminars, online classes and workshops that are usually free to the nation's dietitians as part of their behind-the-scenes efforts

to burnish the image of their snacks and drinks. The practice has raised ethical concerns among some who say it gives the food industry too much influence over dietitians, who can take the classes for education credits to maintain their licenses.

With two-thirds of Americans considered overweight or obese, the makers of processed foods have shouldered much of the blame for aggressively

marketing sugary and salty products.

Critics say companies use the classes, which are usually less expensive and more convenient than other courses dietitians can take, as a way to cast their products in a positive nutritional light. Not to mention, companies often collect the dietitians' contacts to mail them samples or coupons, in some cases to share with their patients. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# HOW TO SCORE A DATE

There was a time when online dating was an embarrassing ordeal, but now it's so commonplace that you'd be an idiot not to have an online profile.

Sure, you might have a loving spouse and a beautiful child, but you haven't truly lived until you've experienced the thrill of a suitor who eyes your 1,500-word profile, feels a moment of inspiration and writes, "Hey."

I spent so many years on dating sites that it might be the Stockholm Syndrome talking, but I really came to enjoy the myriad of ways people misspelled even the simplest English words. "Beautyfull girl with nothing too loose lokking for someone spatial!"

With enough hours online to merit a Malcolm Gladwell reference, a friend of mine recently asked me to offer advice about her profile. I was honoured. In reply, I've written this can't-miss list of online dating tips that will have her — and



HE SAYS

**John Mazerolle**

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your — inbox filled with so many yo's and sup's that the NSA won't have the resources to keep up.

## Love Bytes: A Guide To 'Electronic Dating'

- Your profile name, or handle, should include your full name and address to speed things along.
- Next comes the tagline. Reel in potential suitors with so-called "clickbait" headlines, like "You Won't Believe What Happened To The Last Guy I Dated."
- Never lie, unless you're older or heavier than you want to say you are, in which case go to town.
- Ask a compelling question to prompt more meaningful messages. "If God loves us why must people suffer?" and "Are gravitons fundamental in string theory?" are both great conversation starters.
- Be specific. Wrong: I'm quirky and fun. Right: I am the mayor of Toronto.
- Be sure to list all the things you DON'T want, especially

freaks, flakes and game-players, in angry detail. Ranting about previous partners with absolutely no prompting lets people know you mean business. It's no different than when you apply for a new job and your cover letter says, "I'm a good worker, so you'd better not be a lame company or I walk."

- Be sure to pepper the profile with LOLs. Besides their inherent aura of intelligence and charm, the mental image of you laughing at each sentence you write as you sit alone with your laptop is irresistible.
- Taking a selfie in your bathroom mirror shows off your body and your bathroom, which is an efficient way to convey two important pieces of information.
- Big group shots with friends are great, because it shows there is a Plan B, C and D.

And that's my advice. I hope you found it helpful. One last word if you're an older person who is still afraid of technology: Learn to embrace computers and smartphones for your dating needs. Otherwise, you'll be dating yourself.

## ZOOM

### Artist bends body into an animal

At first glance it looks like a giraffe, but a closer inspection reveals the body of a gymnast contorting herself into the shape of the exotic animal. Beth Sykes, 20, from Featherstone, Yorkshire, in north England, says it was a "spur of the moment" decision to transform her body into that of the long-necked creature. **METRO**

#### The gymnast

"We just thought one day that it would be cool to paint me as a giraffe. Then finally we had some time and decided to do it. It took six hours of painting but it was worth it."

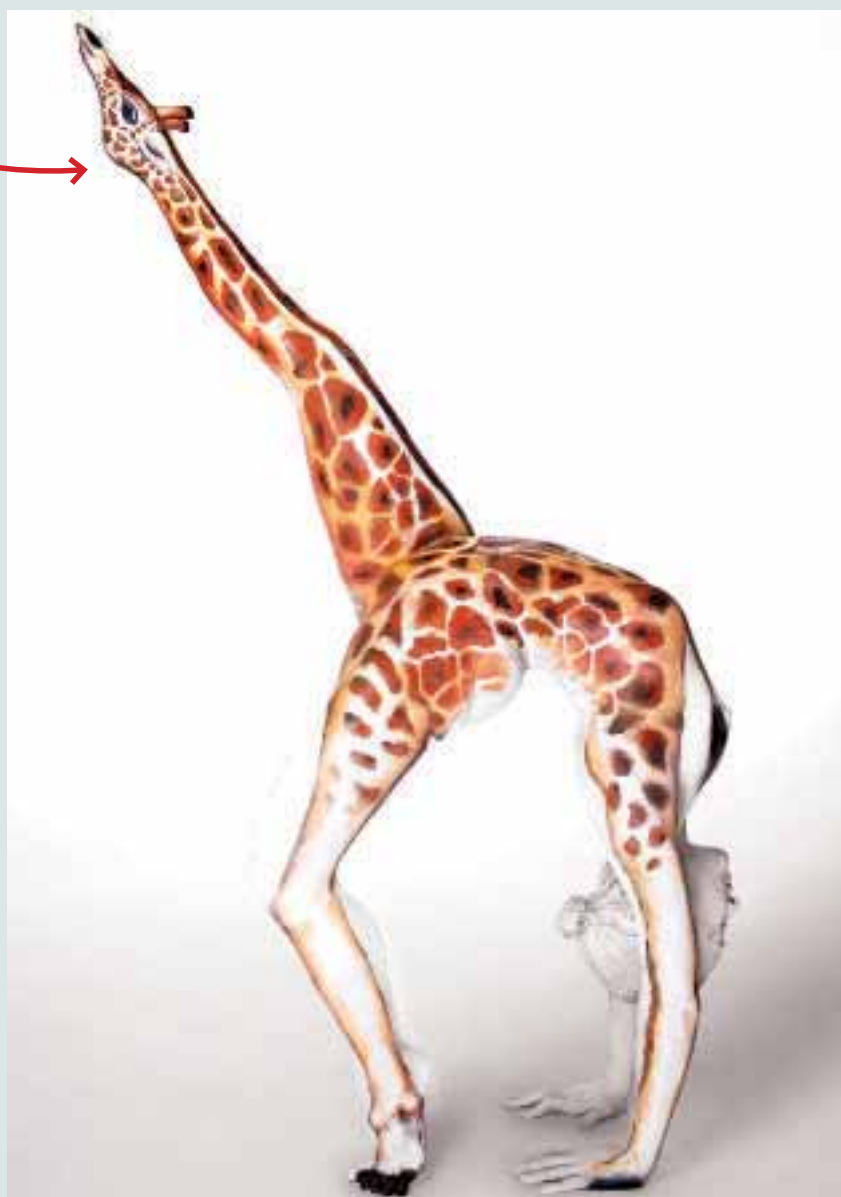
Contortionist Beth Sykes teamed up with her friend and body art painter Emma Fay to produce her giraffe-like look.

### All paint, apart from the ears

Fay the artist painted the head of the giraffe on one of Sykes' feet, and hooves on the other foot and one hand.

"The only bit that wasn't my body was the giraffe's ears — we made them out of a foam yoga mat," added Sykes.

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## Clickbait



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Worried about how loud sounds affect your health? Perhaps you're curious how noisy your neighbours really are. Your smartphone can be used as a decibel meter thanks to these free apps.

### Decibel 10th:

This app includes a graph similar to a heart-rate monitor. It also tells you what your current sound environment is comparable to, like a hushed conversation or a plane taking off. A similar Android app is Sound Meter.

### Decibels:

A camera comes with this app, allowing you to capture a photo along with the volume level at the time.

### Decibel Ultra:

The two meters in this app measure both ambient sound and incoming noises. A number of sophisticated features allow you to calibrate the app's precision.



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## Twitter

**@metropicks asked:** Zuckerberg wants to give the whole world free Internet access hoping they will invest. Is it a good idea?

**@auditorydamage:** I'm sure this totally won't end up concentrating even more power in FB, which totally won't be abused at all.

**@Canucklehead\_ca:** Good idea? No. GREATEST IDEA! If you're unable to look at cat pictures & argue with



strangers, well ... that ain't living.

**@ctmwyn:** reducing the technology barrier can't be bad, unless users are forced to sell their personal information before given access.

**@cableknitdragon:** No because the last thing the internet needs is more facebook.

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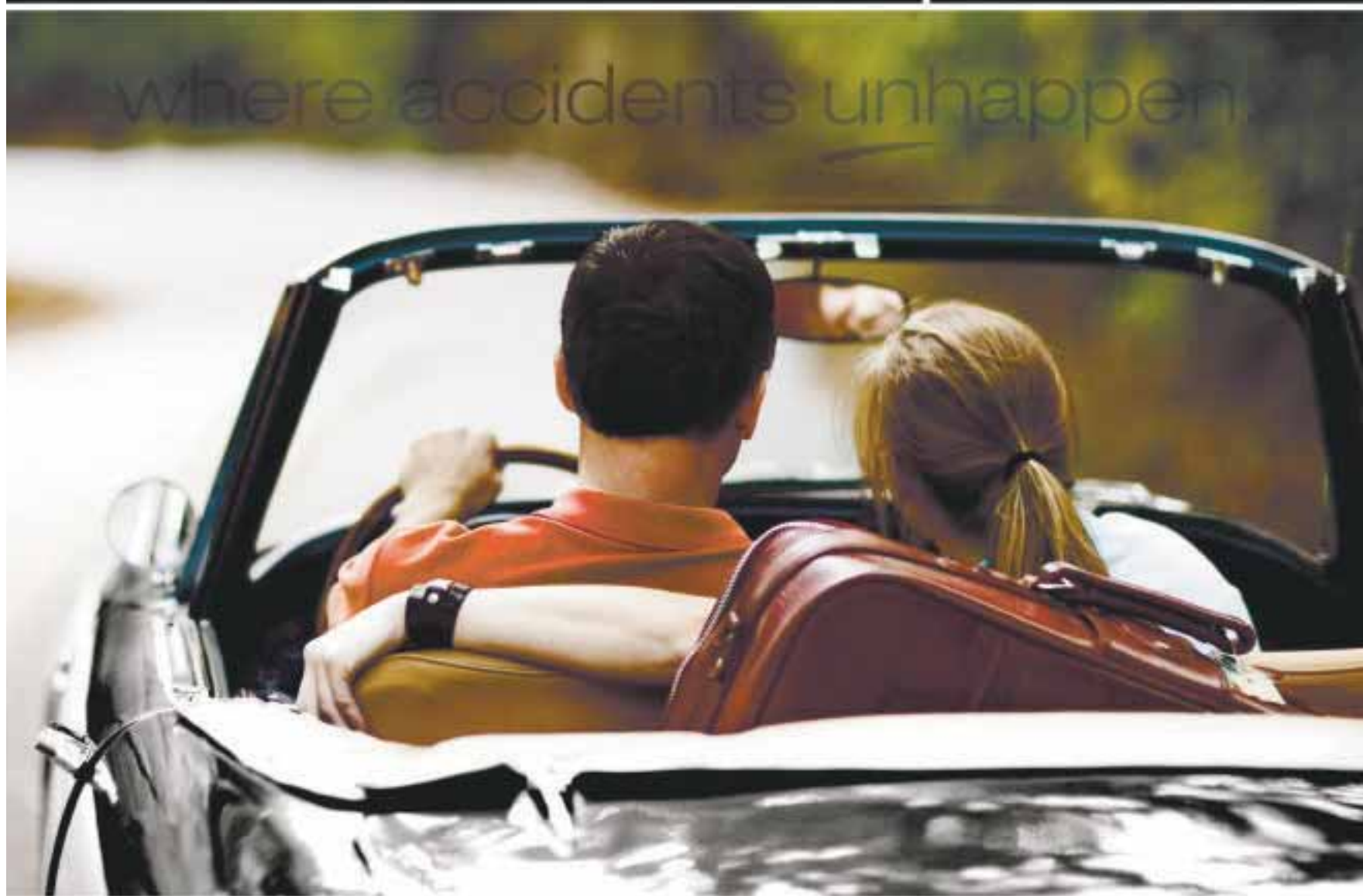
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## The beauty in brokenness

**Sargent & Victor & Me.** Play examines how we live within unstoppable processes of destruction



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Sargent & Victor & Me, a play by Winnipeg writer Debbie Patterson, started as just Sargent & Victor, a verbatim theatre piece about a declining street corner and neighbourhood in central Winnipeg.

But it soon became obvious Patterson couldn't leave herself out of the story.

"I originally planned to just write it and have other people perform it, and we did that for two performances as part of the Cultural Capital of Canada celebrations (in 2010)," Patterson said.

"But I found as I was directing it that I wanted to say their words, because I had made such a connection with all these people that I interviewed, and, in fact, loved them and wanted to say their words and honour them in that way.

"So, I changed the show and made it a series of monologues that I performed, but because I have MS (multiple sclerosis), I can't walk properly so I was performing the play, but with all these physical limitations that were never really addressed in the play-

**Metaphors**

**"I'm a little bit broken and so is the neighbourhood. There was something potent in that."**

Playwright Debbie Patterson



Debbie Patterson's Sargent & Victor & Me opens tonight at the Asper Centre for Theatre and Film. IMAGE: LEIF NORMAN

ing of it, although I thought they were a good metaphor for the neighbourhood. I'm a little bit broken and so is the neighbourhood. There was something potent in that."

Presented by Theatre Projects Manitoba, Sargent & Victor & Me is directed by Patterson's husband, Arne MacPherson, with Christine Fellows and John K. Samson (The Weakerthans) providing the play's music and sound design.

Under the guidance of Iris Turcott, the company dramaturge at Factory Theatre in Toronto, Patterson took the first-person accounts of the area's residents, fictionalized them and brought her own struggle with MS into the fold.

"In a way, it's now a play about how we live within unstoppable processes of destruction, but the key word in that is how we LIVE," Patterson said.

"It's not how we're beat-

en down by it or how we succumb to it, it's how we choose to continue to see light and beauty within it."

Patterson said embracing limitations, be it your own limitations or those of the area around you, can equal possibility. "People would say 'You have to fight it (MS) ... but no, I don't. That's absolutely what I should not be doing,'" Patterson said. "I have to welcome it and incorporate it and, in fact, be grateful for it."

**More info**

Theatre Projects Manitoba presents Sargent & Victor & Me tonight at the Asper Centre for Theatre and Film (400 Colony St.). Showtime is 8 p.m.

- The play runs until March 9.
- For tickets go to [theatre-projectsmanitoba.ca](http://theatre-projectsmanitoba.ca)

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## Is Annie Clark afraid of the dark?



Annie Clark spends a lot of time acting against herself in the aptly named film *Solo*. CONTRIBUTED

**Solo.** Toronto actress takes her first leading role in a freaky twist on the summer camp horror genre

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"I'm a city girl," says Annie Clark, and she plays one in *Solo*, a low-budget but high-efficiency Canadian horror movie about a young woman stranded on an island somewhere in the wilds of Ontario.

Clark's character, a troubled teenager named Gillian, is reluctantly taking part in an initiation exercise where new camp counselors have to spend two nights roughing it in the wilderness; as the film goes on, it becomes increasingly clear that she's far from alone. "I was actually going to become a camp counselor," says the 21-year-old Toronto native.

"But when I got to the point where I really had to do a solo, I was terrified. I quit camp before I had to do it, but (with this movie) I had to

sort of do it anyway."

As its title suggests, *Solo* is a pretty focused showcase for its leading lady, who spends a lot of her screen time acting in a vacuum. To say more about the other characters would be a spoiler, but there aren't very many of them.

"When I first started reading it, I thought Gillian was going to die in the first few minutes," laughs Clark, who is branching into feature film work after a stint on *Degrassi: The Next Generation*.

"I didn't know what kind of horror movie it was going to be. I'd read plenty of head-cheerleader parts with shower murder scenes, and I don't really like that."

Clark is still a relative newcomer, but she's already familiar enough with the business to know that it's important for a young actress to make discerning choices when it comes to roles.

"I want to do things I feel strongly about rather than just taking what I can get." She says that she's tried to keep from getting pigeonholed after *Degrassi*, but also that the show was a great initiation into the industry.

### Quoted

"I did my own stunts. I had bruises all over the place, but I was proud of them."

Annie Clark

"It opened up a lot of doors for me. It was like four years of non-stop learning. I feel like I could have gotten a degree from that: a degree in *Degrassi*."

*Solo* is a small movie, but with its stripped-down premise and skillfully engineered scares, it's the sort of indie that's bound to travel: Clark says a friend in Costa Rica sent her a photo of a bootlegged DVD.

And despite her earlier aversion to intense camping experiences, she says that shooting the movie in Muskoka was a down-and-dirty blast.

"I did my own stunts," she reports of the shoot, which also required the crew to improvise bathing routines in the absence of showers on the off-the-grid campsite. "I had bruises all over the place, but I was proud of them."

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towards your new purchase.

"With all the dealers here and all of the new boat brands, models and engine options, I'm sure you'll find a model that will look after your boating or fishing needs," says Ian Cummer, Mid-Canada Marine and Powersports Dealers Association (MMPDA) president.

The MMPDA is a collective of local businesses whose mandate is to promote the marine and power sport industry. The MMPDA has been hosting the annual boat show for several years — it's a time where the association and its members

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can reconnect with its customers and also provides a great opportunity to make new friends.

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Show manager Dave Amey is proud to say that the event is one of the longest running exhibitions in Winnipeg.

"Once again, the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg is full with all three floors of dealers and exhibitors who are ready to show you what they can do, to make your fun on the water happen," he

## SHOWTIMES

Thursday, from 3-10 p.m.; Friday, from noon to 10 p.m.; Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

says. "I'm often asked, 'When is the best time to buy a boat?' It's an easy answer. At the boat show."

Some of the highlights of this year's show include an amateur casting competition, kid's casting, discover boating sessions, pro fishing seminars and the mega fish tank. You can also obtain your pleasure craft operator card at the show



since there are a number of exhibitors that are authorized by the Canadian Coast Guard on-site to provide educational programs and testing.

For more information on writing your pleasure craft operator card or boating safety courses, visit any of the testing booths on the second floor.

If you are interested in participating in the pro casting competition, visit [midcanadaboatshow.com](http://midcanadaboatshow.com) and download the registration form.



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## Neda Kalantar, 22, Vancouver

### Which past contestants are you most like?

Peter (Brown) in the way he played the game. It didn't work out for him in the end because he made a few mistakes, but I like the fact that he made a really strong alliance with Alec (Beall). I also like how Gary (Levy) had fun in the game. He didn't take anything too seriously.

### Are you worried about what your parents may see and think?



I don't think so. I'm really close with my mom and she knows pretty much everything about me so I'm not too scared of that. She'll just shake her head at me. Hopefully I'm not going to do anything too embarrassing.

### What will you do with the money if you win?

I would love to pay off my debts and my mom's debt. It would be awesome to have a down payment for a house.

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## Big Brother house guests

If you thought contestants on the first season of Big Brother Canada brought the drama, get ready for drama on crack in Season 2. We asked five of them to reveal what Canadians can expect when the show premieres March 5 at 9 p.m. ET on Slice.

MAE BOWRING  
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## Arlie Shaban, 25, Stouffville, Ont.

### What's your strategy?

All of the past players say you can't plan too far ahead. I'm going to go in there and be the guy that everyone likes. I'm going to be funny, tell some stories, cook some great meals and do the cleaning. I want people to want to keep me around.

### I can tell you're confident about your chances

Strategically, I'll be running the show. I think I'll get everyone to do exactly what I want them to do

in a way that they don't know that I'm the one in charge.



## Anick Gervais, 28, Sudbury, Ont.

### What did you do before Big Brother Canada?

I'm a business development specialist. It's a fancy word for sales person for a mining company.

### Any other hobbies?

I'm a Reiki master so I work

with energies. I'm also studying reflexology, so I give a mean foot massage.

### So you'll use that to your advantage?

If somebody's stressed out and HOH (head of household) then I'll be like, 'Hey I'll give you a session if you don't nominate me (for eviction)'. I'll also use my bartering skills.



## Kyle Shore, 24, Porters Lake, Nova Scotia

### How did you react when you found out you were selected?

For once in my life I was speechless. It's like if you're

with a girl and her dad walks in and you just freeze like a deer in headlights. That was the feeling.

### What's the one word you'd use to describe yourself.

Outgoing, because I love to party. I have to be social and in the scene. I'll try anything once.

### What do you do back home?

Personal trainer. I'm waiting to get into either policing or the military. I can't be a desk jockey. I've got to keep moving.

### You're outspoken. Are you worried about offending people?

I've done university speeches where I've had to watch my slang and s— like that.

## Rachelle Diamond, 20, Edmonton

### What were you doing before the show?

I'm in my third year of psychology at the University of Alberta. I hope to get my PhD and become a marriage and family counsellor.

### Use one word to describe yourself.

Loud. I tend to get loud when in a group because I'm trying to get my point across. I'm expressive and always say what's on my

mind.

### What character trait might get you into trouble on the show?

I'm not very good at listening to people. I interrupt people, but I don't mean to. That could be an issue because it's important for people to feel heard.



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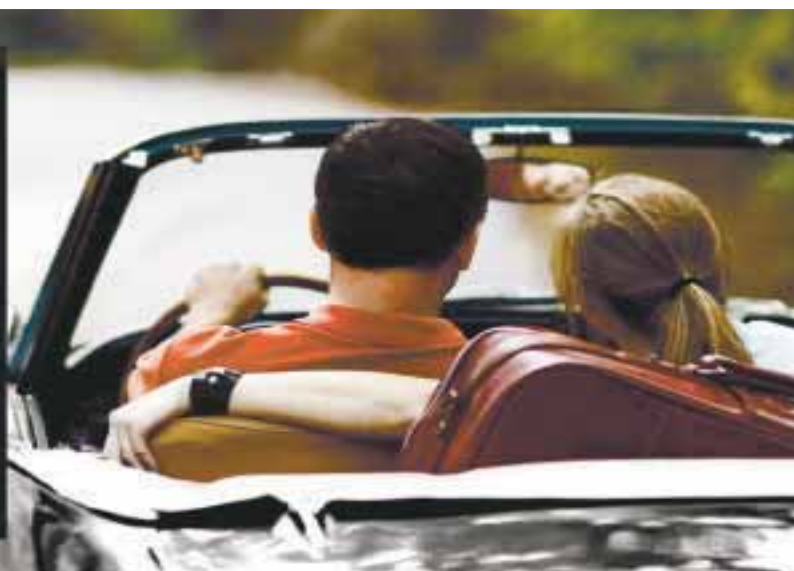
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Bellamy Young as Mellie Grant on Scandal. ERIC MCCANDLESS/ABC

# The Scandal-ous life of a Young star

## Love triangle.

Bellamy loves playing complicated Mellie, calling her 'so wrong and so right ... a loser and a winner'

Of all the fans of Scandal — and clearly there are lots of them — none seems more gung-ho than Bellamy Young.

But unlike most fans, who must satisfy themselves by catching every episode, Young isn't watching from a distance. Instead, she's in the thick of this steamy thriller about a Beltway-based crisis manager (Kerry Washington) who is desperately in love with Fitzgerald Grant (Tony Goldwyn), the U.S. chief executive. Young plays the third corner of this White House love triangle, first lady Mellie Grant.

"It grows more intense and more stuff happens with every episode," Young, 44, marvels, "and we talk faster! Off-camera, they're shouting 'Scandal-pace' at us because they write these long, intricate scripts, and we have to get it all in."

As the Scandal saga has spiraled, Mellie has grown into a pivotal figure, a steadfast but beleaguered wife who holds

the fate of her husband and his presidency in her hands.

But when the series was cooked up by creator Shonda Rhimes, Mellie was conceived as a passing presence.

Young vividly remembers the cast's first script reading.

"Shonda went around the table afterward, telling all the actors what their story arcs would be for the first seven episodes. When she got to me, she said, 'I think you'll be here for about three episodes,' and I heard her say something about 'presidential divorce.' I'm dying inside, but I'm trying to smile. I'm Southern. I'm trying to be polite."

She has appeared in films including We Were Soldiers and Mission: Impossible III, and TV series such as Criminal Minds, CSI: Miami, Scrubs and Dirty Sexy Money. None was a breakthrough role, but Young worked steadily, she says, adding with a laugh, "I am not overburdened with entitlement issues. So I was only grateful to be cast for Scandal. I hoped my character would recur a lot as first lady, so I could run around with these amazing people every once in a while, in a nice dress."

The icing on the cake was her on-screen marriage to Tony Goldwyn, who had directed her years earlier on an episode of Dirty Sexy Money.

## The scandal continues

After two months' hiatus, Scandal is returning Thursday at 10 p.m. EST on Citytv, with Mellie picking up where she left off in a whirlwind of heartbreak, ambition and behind-the-throne power.

"I knew how hard he would work and how deep he would go," she says. "I felt completely safe. When I went to the audition, I had my two lines and I kept trying to imagine for myself, 'Who would be a good partner to Tony?'"

"It's challenging to work with Bellamy," says Goldwyn by phone, "because she brings it every time. She knows what she's doing. She finds every nook and cranny in the writing." Fortunately, the writing embraced — and has continued to explore — Mellie Grant to a degree far beyond Young's dreams.

"Who hopes THIS high?" she beams. "Mellie has become so multifaceted. So wrong and so right. So ambitious and so selfless. A loser and a winner. And however you judge her ability to love, she does love Fitz — to her detriment!"

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# Odd movies out rise to Oscar bait

## Hollywood irony.

It's not blockbusters but film rarities vying for Tinseltown gold

This year's Academy Awards nominees reflect a Hollywood truism: The margin between the dust bin and the Oscar red carpet is often razor thin.

The development process of any film can be lengthy and arduous, full of challenges in obtaining financing or a studio executive's stamp of approval. The biggest obstacle on the road to the Academy Awards is, for many films, simply getting a green light.

That's especially true nowadays, when studios have pulled back on their output and turned their focus almost exclusively to blockbusters. It makes for an annual Oscar irony: When Hollywood gathers to celebrate itself at the Academy Awards, it fetes not its standard business, but its oddities, its rarities, its freaks that somehow managed to squeeze through the cracks.



Nearly 20 years in the making: *Dallas Buyers Club* got made even after investors pulled out thanks in part to Matthew McConaughey's air of inevitability. CONTRIBUTED

The *Wolf of Wall Street*, for example, might seem like a no-brainer: Martin Scorsese, Leonardo DiCaprio, loads of sex and drugs. But even *The Wolf*, nominated for five Oscars including best picture, came very close to never getting made. After developing the film, Warner Bros. dropped

it in 2008. Scorsese would later lament having "wasted about five months of my life" waiting for the Warner Bros.' OK that never came.

It wasn't until years later (and after other directors were considered) that the project came together, with independent film company Red Granite

Pictures financing the film's \$100 million budget, and Paramount Pictures distributing.

The bet paid off not only in accolades, but at the box office. *The Wolf of Wall Street* has made more than \$335 million worldwide.

The case of *Dallas Buyers Club* (six nominations, includ-

ing best picture) is even more remarkable. A film that's now counted among the nine best of the year by the Academy took nearly two decades to get made. Co-producer and co-screenwriter Craig Borten first sold the script in 1996 after meeting and interviewing Ron Woodroof, a Texan who combated AIDS with drugs smuggled from other countries.

At one time, Woody Harrelson was attached to star with Dennis Hopper directing. Later, after the script was sold to Universal Pictures, Brad Pitt was lined up to play Woodroof, with Marc Forster directing. Another iteration brought in Ryan Gosling and director Craig Gillespie.

It was only revived with Matthew McConaughey (the best actor front-runner) and director Jean-Marc Vallée after the rights to the screenplay went dormant and Borten and co-producer Melisa Wallace were able to buy them back. And still, just weeks before filming began, investors pulled their money. The breach was filled partly because McConaughey gave it an air of

## Angling for the big one

- "The eight, 10, 12 good English-language films are all released in the last quarter of the year and expected to gird for battle for Oscars and Golden Globes and all that stuff," says Payne.
- "And they're just movies. They may be fragile movies, human movies. They just need to find an audience on their own without having comparative judgment made along with it."

inevitability. He had already begun losing weight for the role and discussed it on TV talk shows.

Made for just \$5 million and shot in 25 days, *Dallas Buyers Club* finally got made, long after AIDS dwindled from the headlines. Specialty division Focus Features acquired the film, which has made \$30.5 million worldwide.

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## Mayim Bialik still boosting breastfeeding

Mayim Bialik may be done nursing her two sons, but she's still more than happy to defend the practice of breastfeeding in public. "I think anywhere you give a bottle, you breastfeed. I would try and be absolutely respectful and conscious of the community I was in, but I don't believe you need to cover up a baby eating anymore than you need to cover up a baby drinking a bottle," the *Big Bang Theory* star tells the *Huffington Post*.



Mayim Bialik



Katy Perry and John Mayer ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## They're in, then they're out

So much for the engagement rumours. Katy Perry and John Mayer have reportedly split up once again, according to Radar Online. The couple's second go at romance — after an earlier breakup — seemed to be going well, with each being very forthcoming in

interviews about their feelings for each other. They even duetted on Mayer's "Who You Love," and Perry was spotted recently with a diamond on her finger than many thought signalled impending marriage. But it was reportedly Perry herself who initiated the split.

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### The Word



## Lawrence looks at year-long vacation

MELINDA TAUB

Metro World News in New York

Have we loved Jennifer Lawrence so hard that we broke her?

Despite — or because of — our affection, the world's most adored actress is planning to take a lengthy hiatus from acting, according to Harvey Weinstein. "She's going to have a long break for a year where she won't do anything. It's been non-stop for her and she deserves a rest," Weinstein, who produced Silver Linings Playbook, told the U.K.'s *The Sun*.

Why does Jennifer need a rest from being a movie star? Apparently, carrying two major movie franchises while also starring in a steady stream of Oscar bait (not to mention being relentlessly charming in interviews) can wear on a person. "Jennifer is too nice and will do people favours and agrees to do a movie like *American Hustle* when she could have had a rest," Weinstein said. "She signed on to do *Hunger Games* when she was young and wouldn't have realized how much it would dominate her life. But she's a professional and always will be."

Well, OK. I guess she can take a break, as long as she comes back — and assigns a substitute to make fun of Sarah Jessica Parker's hats in her stead.

### Twitter



@ElizabethHurley

Just joined a gym for the first time in 20 years. About to have a fitness assessment. Gulp.



@SarahKSilverman

My morals aren't the same as your morals



@AlbertBrooks

I hope Netflix never opens a restaurant



Robin Thicke

## Robin in Thicke trouble with his fans

Robin Thicke may be breaking up with his fans along with wife Paula Patton. The Blurred Lines singer cancelled yet another show on his U.S. tour earlier this week, the third consecutive show to be scrapped. "Due to unforeseen circumstances, Robin Thicke will postpone his performance at Harrah's Cherokee," the North Carolina casino announced on its

website. "This concert will be rescheduled and the new date announced as soon as possible." Thicke also bowed out of shows last week in Atlanta and Orlando, citing vocal problems. "I never want to let down my fans, but I have unfortunately lost my voice and cannot perform," said Thicke, who announced on Monday that he and Patton are separating. If this keeps up, the Boston University students who started a petition to cancel Thicke's March 4 concert there — on complaints of his "misogynist music" — might not have anything to worry about.

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# Kloss is now in session: We want those moves like Karlie

**She walks the walk...**

And talks runway season, that trademark stride and her inner hopeless romantic

**RICHARD PECKETT**  
Metro World News

Karlie Kloss is one of those rarefied models that women obsess over and men lust after. Now her stock is so high rumour has it the American-born model can only be booked for shows through special arrangement.

**You've got the most confident walk in the business. Do you find being on the runway empowering?**

I do. I really enjoy being on the runway. It's a very different part of my job compared to photo shoots. It's a performance similar to the ballet performances that I remember from growing up, so I enjoy runway shows because of that.

**How did ballet prepare you for the modeling industry?**

Ballet was the best training I could have had for a modeling career. It teaches movement, gracefulness and how to express emotion. Telling a story through movement is very important in a modeling career.

**Valentine's Day has re-**



Karlie Kloss rapidly became a runway mainstay after being discovered in 2005 at age 13. HANDOUT

**cently come and gone. Did you buy into it or are you a cynic?**

Well I do like Valentine's

Day. I like any excuse to show some warmth and love. I think that goes for not just your boyfriend or girlfriend but it's also an



**Karlie's career is on point**

**"Ballet was the best training I could have had for a modeling career."**

Karlie Kloss

excuse to write a love note to your friends, your mom, anyone.

**Are you a romantic?**

I am. I am a romantic. Yeah, it's also a good holiday for good chocolate.

**What's the cheesiest chat-up line you've received?**

Hmm, cheesiest chat-up line: "Did it hurt? Did it hurt, angel, when you fell from heaven?" It's an automatic game over.

**You're photographed in lingerie a great deal — a look that men's magazines like to perpetuate as real-life. Is this the case?**

No, I'm into sweatpants and my boyfriend's T-shirt. I like to be totally boring and watch [American] football, there's no fancy lingerie. But on a special occasion it's always fun to get dressed up and that's why there's some good stuff here at Victoria's Secret.

**Good plug.**

## Canadian street style

**Spotted in: Toronto**

**Name: Kara Lane**

**Age: 23**

**Occupation:**  
Front woman of  
angsty pop band

**What she's wearing**  
Doc Martens, camo pants

from Value Village, Cowichan sweater stolen from my friend's boyfriend and a head chain from Emidesh.

**Her inspiration**  
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### Trends Report

Retro fashion and beauty is seeing a revival this spring, inspiring the latest looks on both fashion runways and red carpets. Go online to Trends Report to see how you can get the look that singer Taylor Swift has mastered.

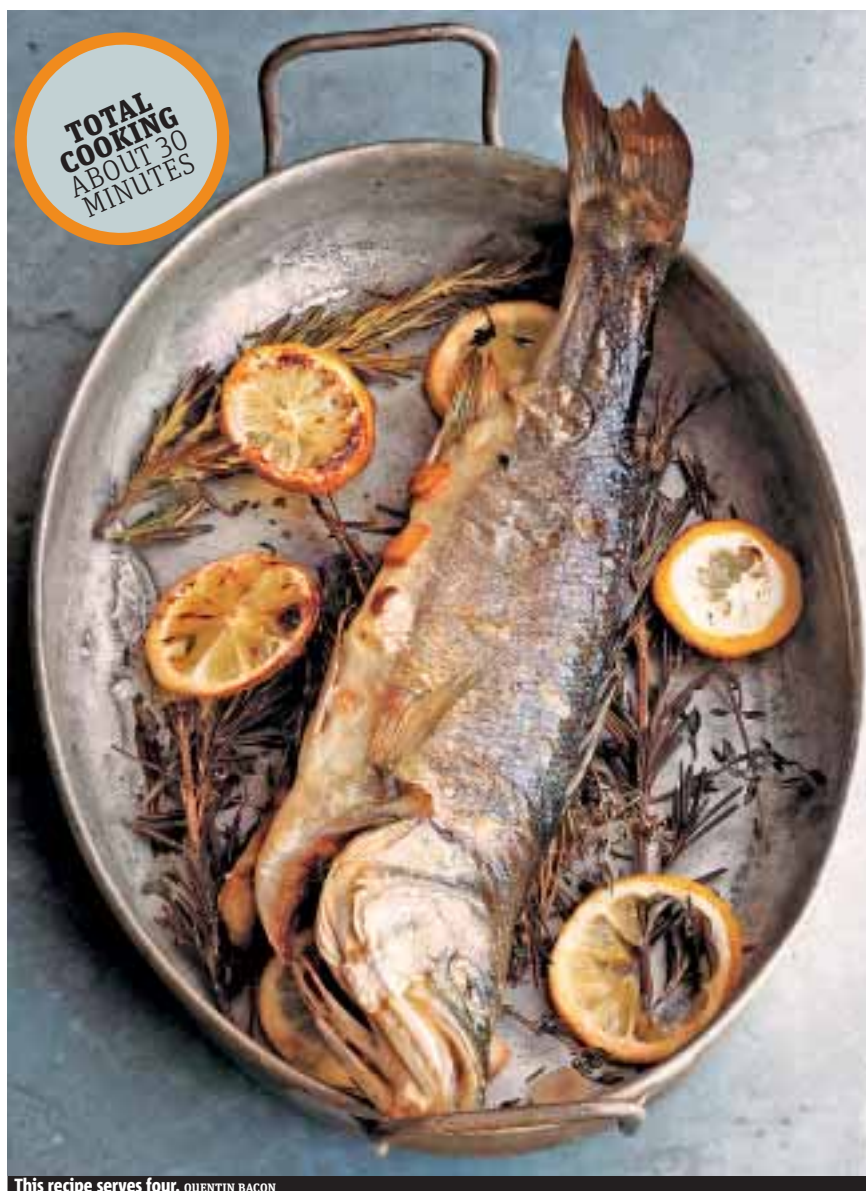


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# Flawlessly flavoured from the inside out



This recipe serves four. QUENTIN BACON

## FLASH FOOD

From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

"This is the classic Mediterranean preparation for fish, without all the fancy filleting, searing, steaming, or curing," writes Einat

Admony in her book *Balaboosta: Bold Mediterranean Recipes to Feed the People You Love*.

"The key is to layer the ingredients inside the fish, instead of on top, so that the flavour permeates every last ounce of the meat."

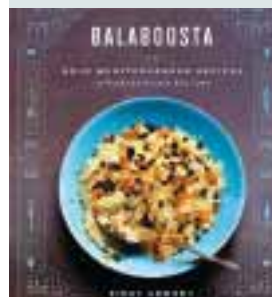
1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.

2. Pat the skin dry on the branzino with a few paper towels. Stuff the cavity of each fish with one sprig each of thyme and rosemary, one garlic clove, and two slices of lemon. Place the fish on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper and drizzle with olive oil.

3. Roast in the oven until cooked all the way through,

## Cookbook of the Week

A mixture of cultures and tastes



As a mother, wife and chef who runs three busy New York City restaurants, Einat Admony knows about being a New Age "balaboosta" (Yiddish for "perfect housewife"). It makes sense then that her cookbook shares the same name.

Balaboosta offers 140 recipes that blend Admony's mixed Israeli heritage (Yemenite, Persian) with the Mediterranean palate she developed working in New York City.

Among the dishes in the book are: Spicy Chicken Tagine, Fenugreek Fried Bread, Yemenite Oxtail Soup and more. **METRO**

about 30 minutes.

4. Meanwhile, make the yogurt dill sauce: Combine the yogurt, garlic, lemon juice, and salt in a blender. Puree until smooth, then very slowly add the olive oil in a thin stream. Scrape the yogurt mixture into a bowl and stir in the chopped dill. The sauce can be made ahead of time and kept in an airtight container in the refrigerator until ready to use.

5. Serve each fish with the yogurt dill sauce.

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## Ingredients

- Four 1 1/4-lb whole branzino, gutted and cleaned
- 4 fresh thyme sprigs
- 4 fresh rosemary sprigs
- 4 garlic cloves
- 1 lemon, sliced into 8 rounds
- Olive oil

## Yogurt Dill Sauce

- 3/4 cup non-fat yogurt
- 1 garlic clove, coarsely chopped
- 2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp finely chopped fresh dill

## Plenty of 'Peg places to find pancakes

**Pancake Tuesday.** No matter your religion, eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday is always a good idea.



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Call it what you will—Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday—but come next week, you'll have an excuse to eat pancakes for breakfast, lunch and supper.

For Christians around the globe, next Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Tuesday, therefore, is dedicated to clearing the shelves of rich foods that you may be giving up—things like butter, milk and eggs—typical ingredients for pancakes. Over time, Pancake Tuesday was born. Christian or not, it's a good time to have some flapjacks for supper.

Churches, legions and community clubs around the city are hosting pancake suppers. Watch for the signs in your neck of the woods. Donald McKenzie of diningwithdonald.com shared the details of one of these events.

The St. Mary's Road Parishes will host a pancake supper

at St. Philip's Anglican Church Norwood, 240 Tache Ave. on March 4 between 5 and 7 p.m.

"It's a rolling service, so people can come anytime during those two hours," McKenzie said. Tickets are \$6 per person or \$15 for the whole family. The menu includes pancakes with all the toppings as well as sausages. And get this—there are even gluten-free pancakes! For tickets, call 204-237-3650.

For restaurant options, a stack from Sal's isn't complete without a side order of back bacon and a mug of that high-test java.

For the best blueberry pancakes in town, head to Tansi at Neechi Commons.

Feel like something fancy? Visit The Original Pancake House for their trademark Giant Apple Pancake.

*Shel Zolkewich writes about food, travel and the outdoors when she's not eating, on the road or playing outside. Got a food story idea? shel@shelzolkewich.com*



Pancakes aren't just for breakfast on Shrove Tuesday, March 4.

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# Timber! Turn '70s wood panelling into walls you could totally fall for

**Camouflage.** Update the textured look with paint treatments or exaggerate it with reclaimed wood

The '70s may be alive and well in homes with wood panelled interior walls, but home owners who want to update the once trendy treatment may find the task daunting.

Kyla Bidgood, a Victoria registered interior designer, says a coat of paint can modernize wood walls.

"Even crisp white camouflage wood panelling nicely, and adds a bit of texture to the space," says Bidgood.

"Layering things on top of it like art and wall pieces is another great way to minimize the impact of bad wood panelling," she says.

"I think the thing that became overwhelming in the old spaces was all the dramatic vertical wood grain and if you paint the wood panelling out then you lose that pattern but you keep the texture."

When wood panelling was at its most popular it seemed as if everyone's basement featured it, and Bidgood says because of its overuse homeowners associate it with a particular style from a previous era.

Rob Everitt, principal and owner of Winnipeg's Everitt Design Associates, says modern design trends favour cleaner and minimal looks.

"We just don't like the vertical lines," he says. "It is really

## Going against the grain

Paint is an effective way to tackle a dated panelled wall, and there are ways to use the vertical lines of the panelling to create an interesting wall feature.

distracting and it takes away from art on the wall and all kinds of things.

"People can't stand the darkness of the wood because it closes in the room, and then people start painting it and it takes on a beachy look, which can look quite nice. But you aren't going to get a sophisticated look when you paint wood panelling."

Like Bidgood, Everitt says paint is an effective way to tackle a dated panelled wall, and says there are ways to use the vertical lines of the panelling to create an interesting wall feature.

"If you want to have some fun with it you could paint some stripes with it," he says. "You could follow the lines and paint every second or third one, so it's not candy striped, doing something subtle."

Homeowners can eliminate the grooves and reveals of the panelling by filling them or, alternatively, create more pronounced lines.

"Homeowners could take what is called a baton, which is a small piece of wood, and cover over the reveals and the little seams and make it more exaggerated, which can become a special detail," says Everitt.

## Building on memories of grandma's basement

**"We're seeing it all over the place, from restaurants to tech offices and residences, but it's more of a reclaimed wood panelling, not the typical kind of wood panelling like we remember from grandma's basement."**

Interior designer Kyla Bidgood



Reclaimed timber in varying depths and sizes is painted out in bright colours as a fireplace feature. COURTESY SARAH MACNEIL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Hint of wood looks good on wallpaper

Interior designer Kyla Bidgood has used wood in a variety of her recent projects. In one home she used a wood-grained wallpaper.

"We wanted to add some subtle pattern and texture to the walls," she says. "We were using a lot of vintage accents, so I thought it would be a fun throwback to the old wood panelling to incorporate some wallpaper that was all wood grain, and it looks really cool."

"It's not using wood, but it is an ode to the old '70s wood panelling but done using wallpaper."



## Wood, wood everywhere

Plywood is a cheap material and covering floors, walls and ceiling with it, as this West coast cafe did, is a simple and inexpensive way to achieve an industrial modern look.



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## Boards mount up at work

Black painted walls with mounted 1x6 fir boards covering the outside of a meeting room add texture at a tech office in Victoria, B.C.



# Nursery, I got hue, babe

**Crib notes.** Looking for non-traditional colours for your newborn's room? We've got you covered



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I am expecting a baby and don't ascribe to the traditional colours for decorating a baby's room. I also don't know the sex of my unborn. What are neutral-gendered, on-trend colours for painting and decorating?  
— Nathalie Hicks, Toronto

More parents are opting for non-traditional baby rooms and decorating the space to please themselves as they spend time with their newborn. Once a child develops a preference for styles and colours, usually by age three, it's a good time to re-decorate to suit their personalities. Happily, many retailers carry

colourful nursery decor that falls outside traditional schemes.

Here are a few designer tips to get you started:

1. Match any wood tones of baby furniture to other wood tones you might already have throughout your home, such as dark espresso or bleached oak.

2. Consider using a grown-up area rug with fabulous colours and patterns instead of the predictable nursery story-printed rugs.

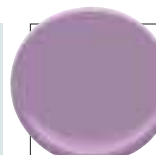
3. Never be afraid of using deep colours for a newborn's room. It's a space where you are training them to sleep, so the less stimulation the better.



Mix whimsy and colour for those early years. Canadian designed Duc Duc Crib offers a toddler bed conversion kit and a variety of fun words to apply. \$1,634, modernkaribou.ca



A quirky orange kangaroo plush cushion becomes an instant best friend for baby. Its pocket makes a great spot for an extra soother. Machine washable. \$10, simons.ca



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Keep storage long and low so toys can be displayed at a comfy height, leaving room for shelves and hooks above. Bjursta Sideboard, \$300, ikea.ca



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# Fate of Jets' future in hands of fresh faces

**NHL.** Coach Maurice notes value of young duo Trouba, Scheifele ahead of playoff push

Jacob Trouba turned 20 on Wednesday, but the Winnipeg Jets defenceman is hoping for a belated birthday gift about six weeks from now.

That present would be a spot in the NHL playoffs to cap off his strong rookie season.

"That's what we all want. I think we all believe we can do it," Trouba said after Wednesday's practice. "We're just going to have to put together a good 22 games here."

The Jets (28-26-6) play their final 22 games of the regular season in 44 days, beginning Thursday when they host the Phoenix Coyotes (27-21-10).

Winnipeg sits two points back of a wild-card playoff spot in the Western Conference, but they're battling with Minnesota, Dallas, Phoenix, Vancouver and Nashville.

The Jets/Thrashers franchise hasn't made the playoffs since 2007.

Trouba and fellow rookie centre Mark Scheifele have helped rather than hindered the Jets in this season's quest and will have a role in getting that playoff spot.

The six-foot-two Trouba, Winnipeg's first pick (ninth overall) in the 2012 draft, is in a pairing with veteran Mark Stuart. Trouba has played 43 games, contributing seven



Jacob Trouba, left, and Mark Scheifele have garnered high praise from new coach Paul Maurice. MARIANNE HELM/GETTY IMAGES FILE

goals and 15 assists.

Scheifele, 20, is the middleman on the second line between Blake Wheeler and Evander Kane, who's returning to action Thursday after missing the past six games with a hand infection.

The six-foot-two Scheifele has played all 60 games, collecting 13 goals and adding 21 assists.

Head coach Paul Maurice said he hasn't seen any nerves from his young duo.

"Honestly, from behind that bench, it never crosses my mind on putting a young

guy out on the ice," said Maurice, who took over after Claude Noel was fired Jan. 12. "When Scheifs is going over the boards, I'm thinking, 'We've got a chance to score here.'"

He also likes the enthusiasm he's seen from Scheifele and Trouba.

"They're both really into it," Maurice said. "I've always found more young guys over time kind of thought, 'Well, I've got 16 years. You know, I've got lots of time for this to turn out to be a good thing.' And I don't really get that

sense from either of them.

"They're into practice, they're trying to get better, they're having fun. They don't move around our locker-room — and again I'm not in there all the time — as kids, as outsiders, as guys that are just on the fringe that maybe don't feel a part.

"I do think, and they should have a really clear understanding of, how important they are right now, today, at their skill level, at their age, to this team and our success."

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**Good to go**

## Kane more than able

Maurice is welcoming Evander Kane back to the lineup, a player he says has size, can skate and has "a pretty good offensive instinct with the shot."

"I want him to play his game in our framework," said Maurice, who's 9-3-1 in Winnipeg.

## Hobbling hero. Price suffers lower-body injury

Montreal Canadiens star goaltender Carey Price left the team's morning skate Wednesday with what the club is calling a lower-body injury.

Coach Michel Therrien said Price aggravated the injury while representing Canada at the Sochi Olympics.

"He will not play the next two games and he's day-to-day," Therrien said.

The Canadiens hosted the Detroit Red Wings Wednesday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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**Sense of accomplishment**



"I think everybody feels a sense of pride, but also a sense of relief knowing you were able to do what everybody expected."

Sidney Crosby returned from Sochi, Russia, with his second Olympic gold medal, this one as the captain of the Canadian team. Crosby returns to normalcy in the NHL with the first-place Penguins, who face a stretch run that features 24 games in 46 days.

## Wingin' it. Babcock shifts focus to getting Detroit back into post-season

Mike Babcock loved the Olympics, but now he has another tough task — trying to get the Detroit Red Wings into the NHL playoffs.

"It's about the Red Wings now — that's all over with," said the coach who led Canada to a second straight hockey gold medal at the Sochi Olympics. "We're in a real battle to get into the playoffs. We take real pride in the Red Wings being in the playoffs

**Quoted**

"There's no excuses. We have to find a way to get in." Mike Babcock

every year."

The Red Wings, clinging to the eighth and final Eastern Conference playoff spot, faced Montreal on Wednesday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS



# Red Sox are counting on Koji



Koji Uehara of the Boston Red Sox, left, celebrates with David Ross after defeating the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 6 of the World Series at Fenway Park on Oct. 30, 2013. ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

## Ames shoots his way into Canadian golf hall



Stephen Ames. GETTY IMAGES

Calgary's Stephen Ames is the newest member of the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame.

The 49-year-old was unanimously named for induction Wednesday and will become the 74th member of Canada's golf shrine.

Ames, a dual citizen of Canada and Trinidad and Tobago, has recorded four career PGA Tour wins and has earned over \$19.5 million US during his career.

This year, Ames plans to play events both on the PGA

Tour as well as the Champions Tour.

A career milestone came in '06 when the Calgary resident won the The Players Championship by six strokes over Retief Goosen. The victory moved Ames into the No. 27 spot in the official world golf rankings at the time.

Last year, the Stephen Ames Foundation funded the inaugural CJGA Stephen Ames Junior Cup.

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### MLB. Despite celebrity status, World Series hero insists he's not resting on past laurels

He's written a book. He's endorsing a Japanese beer — "please try it." And he met Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy.

And, oh, yes, he won a World Series title.

Without Koji Uehara's nearly lights-out performance last season as the Red Sox's fourth closer, the team's championship might not have happened.

Still, Uehara insists his life is the same as it was a year ago.

"Nothing has changed at all," he said through a translator.

If the same can be said about his performance this season, the Red Sox will be very happy.

Uehara joined the Red Sox last season as a free agent and was expected to be a part of the back end of the bullpen. But, he took over the closer's role after injuries to Joel Hanrahan and Andrew Bailey. Junichi Tazawa took a shot at closing but was ineffective.

Manager John Farrell made Uehara his closer on June 21, and from that point on the right-hander was nearly unhittable: He appeared in 41 games, saving 20 games in 22 opportunities. Uehara gave up three runs — two earned — on 14 hits, one home run, two

walks and 59 strikeouts for 0.41 ERA and held opponents to an .097 average.

Overall, in 73 appearances, he went 4-1 with a 1.09 ERA and 21 saves. He set a club record with 37 consecutive batters retired from Aug. 17 to Sept. 13.

Can Uehara, who will turn 39 on April 3, repeat what he did last season? Is it even fair to ask?

"Totally fair," manager John Farrell said.

Uehara is entering his sixth season in the major leagues after a 10-season career in Japan. In five MLB seasons with the Orioles, Rangers, and Red Sox, he is 9-10 with a 2.42 ERA, 35 saves in 230 games (all but 12 in relief).

"Granted, his performance last year was outstanding," Farrell said. "The line that he put up, the time of the year, the game, the importance.... I keep going back to the years previous. This has been a very successful pitcher every year he's been here in the States."

Uehara is not concerned with his past success or production.

"It's all in the past," he said. "It's not productive, so I didn't really reflect on it."

But Uehara pitched an MLB career-high 88 innings, 51 more innings than with the Rangers in 2012, when a lat strain limited him to just 37 appearances.

The Red Sox will monitor his workload in spring training and into the season, but the right-hander won't be limited because of it. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Staying on target

"I don't care what people think. Every year is a challenge. I try to make that motivation to be better."

Boston reliever Koji Uehara explains why it's important not to dwell on the past

### Around the majors

A look at some of Wednesday's top stories from MLB spring training

- **Blue Jays 4, Phillies 3.** Jose Bautista hit a long home run off Roberto Hernandez just three batters into the game in Wednesday's rain-shortened spring training opener for both teams. Bautista's drive landed outside of the ballpark at Bright House Field. Toronto's R.A. Dickey faces the Phillies Cliff Lee in Thursday's rematch.
- **Strasburg on hold.** The Washington ace says he is healthy and ready to go but the Nationals aren't rushing him back into action. Strasburg isn't scheduled to pitch in the Nationals' first two exhibition games but will do a bullpen session on Saturday.
- **Reeling in Trout.** The Angels re-signed outfielder Mike Trout to a one-year, \$1 million US contract on Wednesday. Trout becomes eligible for arbitration after this season and the sides are discussing a deal which would keep him in L.A. through 2020.
- **Bumps and bruises.** Angels outfielder Josh Hamilton will be sidelined two weeks because of a strained calf muscle while pitcher C.J. Wilson does not appear to be hurt after taking a line drive of the head in batting practice on Tuesday.

### Auto Racing

#### Villeneuve set to make his return

Jacques Villeneuve is ready to make an IndyCar comeback.

Schmidt Peterson Motorsports said Wednesday it has hired Villeneuve to race in this year's Indianapolis 500, 19 years after the Canadian driver first drank the milk in Victory Lane.

Schmidt and co-owner Rick Peterson, also from Canada, made a serious offer he couldn't refuse. The Indy 500 is scheduled for May 25. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Curling. Winnipeg rink struggles at world juniors

The Canadian women are off to a strong start at the world junior curling championships, but the men are struggling early on.

Alberta's Kelsey Rocque won both her games Wednesday on the first day of the round robin.

On the men's side, the Winnipeg team of Braden Calvert, Kyle Kurz, Lucas Van Den Bosch and Brendan Wilson lost two close games on the first day of competition.

The Canadians lost their first game 8-6 to the 2013

silver medalists from Russia. Canada was leading 6-5 after nine ends, but Russia's Sergey Glukhov was able to score three for the 8-6 victory.

Calvert followed with a 6-5 loss to Sweden. Calvert stole one in the ninth end to lead 5-4, but Sweden's Fredrik Nyman took a deuce in the 10th.

Rocque and her Edmonton team stole four ends to score a 7-6 victory over Czech Republic in the first draw and then rallied in the eighth against Italy and went on to win 8-6. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Weather

TODAY



MAX: -19°  
MIN: -25°

FRIDAY



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MIN: -35°

SATURDAY



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Yesterday's Sudoku

7	2	9	1	3	5	6	8	4
1	3	5	8	4	6	2	9	7
4	6	8	2	9	7	5	5	1
8	4	7	3	5	2	1	6	9
3	5	1	9	6	8	7	4	2
6	9	2	4	7	1	8	3	5
9	1	3	7	8	4	5	2	6
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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

It won't be long before your mind is back in the groove. You will have a lot to say for yourself today but be very careful that you don't give away secrets to people who may be your rivals.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

According to the planets, you could make serious money but you need to get serious about your ambitions. Most of all, you need to commit yourself to an objective that may take years to reach. Are you ready?

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You will be challenged over the next few days, but you will rise to the challenge and come out unscathed. Remember: rivals are more scared of you than you need be of them.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You will need to close your ears to criticism today. It does not matter how good a job you do, someone, somewhere, will pick holes in your methods or techniques. Ignore them and carry on as before. You're doing great.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Be careful what you ask for over the next two or three days because you are likely to get it. Why should that be a problem? Because the responsibilities that go with it could take away a lot of the fun.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You will be more emotional than usual today. But that could actually work in your favour, especially if you have not been too open about your feelings of late. Every now and then it's good to let it all out.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Do something unexpected. Be as outrageous as you please. The planets indicate that no matter how far you push the limits, at home or at work, others will forgive you. But that's only today. Tomorrow they won't be so generous.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Keep your eye on the ball and keep your mind on what it is you are hoping to accomplish. If you can do that then you will succeed. The approaching new moon will give you added drive and dynamism. How can you lose? You can't.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You don't have to rely on other people. You are perfectly equipped to go it alone. You have high hopes for the future and will make quicker progress if don't have to worry about dragging others along behind you.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

For the past two or three weeks you have found it hard to get your thoughts together, which means progress has been slow. Now, your mind will click into gear and you will soon be sailing along.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You don't take risks often but when you do you go all the way. With that thought in mind you are advised to wait until the weekend to follow up on what you are planning. If you start too early you could lose it all.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Be assertive and let partners and colleagues know that you intend to put your needs first. This is your time of year and you have every right and every reason to be a little bit selfish. It's for a good cause.

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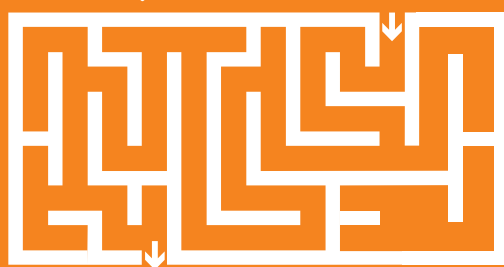
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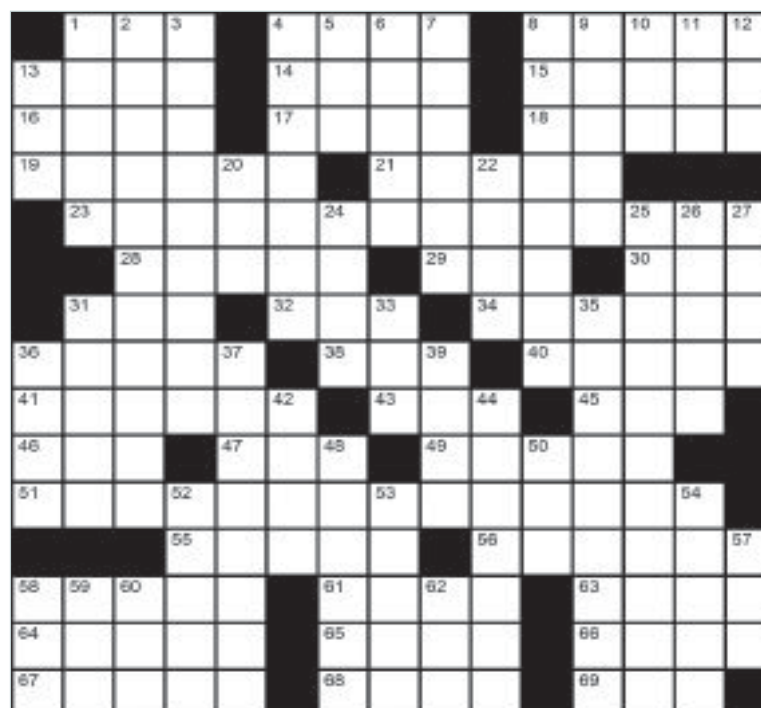
### Yesterday's Crossword



### Crossword: Canada Across and Down

#### Across

1. Possibilities
4. Frost
8. Ancient water nymph
13. Take \_\_\_ (Try the drink)
14. Vogue rival
15. \_\_\_ boots
16. Sainly symbol
17. Marsh plant
18. Solemn bell sound
19. "You are not!" retort: 3 wds.
21. Farewell, in France
23. Step dancers perform to their music: 2 wds.
28. '70s music
29. Classic game
30. Ms. Long
31. Like
32. Exhaust
34. Fort \_\_\_ (Where the American Civil War started in 1861)
36. Roman Empire invaders
38. Beige
40. Sans stopping...: 2 wds.
41. Singer Bonnie's surnamesakes
43. Drivers' org.
45. Actor Mr. Knight's
46. Admiral's org. in The States
47. Juice: French
49. 1985 Power Station hit: "Some Like \_\_\_"



51. "The best man in Ottawa...": Lumberjack in the Stompin' Tom Connors song: 3 wds.
55. Flower sort
56. More sore
58. 1998 Edwin McCain song: 2 wds.
61. In \_\_\_ of flowers
63. Alfonso XIII's

- queen's namesakes
64. Sitting spot
65. High
66. Prefix with 'dynamic'
67. "All in the Family" role
68. Opportunity
69. Juiceless
- Down
1. Oscar-winning

- songwriter Mr. Hayes
2. Oscars category: 2 wds.
3. It will shine on Ellen DeGeneres as this year's Oscars host
4. Brave acts
5. Corrida call
6. Shake like \_\_\_

7. Social news website
8. Leslie Nielsen movie franchise: 2 wds.
9. Cancel
10. White House nickname
11. \_\_\_ clear
12. Rocker Mr. Shannon

13. Sushi tuna
20. Periods beyond regular hrs.
22. Some apples
24. Outdoors garment
25. "The \_\_\_": Piano tune in "The Sting" (1973)
26. 'Nothings' in Nice
27. Chalcedony variety
31. "\_\_\_ say, not..."
33. BC's ocean
35. "Ace of Spades" British metal band
36. Food
37. Gospels guy, \_\_\_
39. Newbie
42. Tallow source
44. In the wrong: 2 wds.
48. Silver fishies
50. "\_\_\_ Ramsey" ('70s TV Western)
52. Frilly neckwear piece like Austin Powers wears
53. "Easy Livin'" by \_\_\_ Heep
54. Beat
57. Record label The Bee Gees were on
58. 'Expert' suffix
59. 19 TV \_\_\_ (Production co. for "American Idol")
60. Law: French
62. "Turn to Stone" gr.

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